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1 **CLAIMS**

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3 1. A hypermedia browser embodied on a computer-readable medium for
4 execution on an information processing device having a limited display area,
5 wherein the hypermedia browser has a content viewing area and is configured to
6 display a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times
when the browser is loading content.

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8 2. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary
9 graphic element is animated.

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11 3. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia
12 browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing
13 area.

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15 4. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia
16 browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a
17 windowing operating environment.

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19 5. A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein:
20 the temporary graphic element is animated; and
21 the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a
22 temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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24 6. An information processing device comprising:
25 a processor;

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1 a display;
2 a hypermedia browser executing on the processor to load and display
3 content in a content viewing area on the display;
4 wherein the hypermedia browser displays a temporary graphic element over
5 the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content.

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7 13. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the
8 temporary graphic element is animated.

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10 14. 8. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the
11 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the
12 content viewing area.

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14 15. 9. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the
15 hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary
16 window in a windowing operating environment.

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18 16. 10. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein:
19 the temporary graphic element is animated; and
20 the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a
21 temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

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1 11. A method of browsing a hyperlink resource, comprising the
2 following steps:

3 loading content from the hyperlink resource in response to user selection of
4 hyperlinks contained in said content;
5 displaying the content in a content viewing area;
6 displaying a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area
7 during the loading step.

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9 12. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional
10 step of animating the temporary graphic element.

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12 13. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step
13 includes displaying the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content
14 viewing area.

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16 14. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step
17 includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a
18 windowing operating environment.

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20 15. A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional
21 step of animating the temporary graphic element, wherein the displaying step
22 includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a
23 windowing operating environment:

16. A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions that are executable for performing the steps recited in claim 11.

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